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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of Tasuo TABARU, Kazuhisa SHOBU, Hisatoshi HIRAI and  
Michiru SAKAMOTO  
METHOD FOR FORMING FILM  
Assignee: : NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Our Ref. Q78763

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 28 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 2 sheets of drawings, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	28	-	20	=	8	x	\$18.00	=	\$144.00
Independent claims	1	-	3	=		x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$770.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									\$290.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>									<b>\$1204.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment									\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$1244.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1204.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	2003-022778	January 30, 2003

The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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